

# WURRA, WURRA!

## RANDOM SHOTS AT BIG GAME AND SMALL

### BY W. P. McLOUGHLIN.

THE GINK WAS THINKING HARD. Suddenly he said to the Gook: "Beats Danagher how some men get themselves delirious after doing an act that brings them into merited popularity."

"What's the idea?" asked the wondering Gook. Well, here it is," said the Gink. "Take the case of Hobson, who was killed into glory for his part in sinking the Merrimack to bottle up the Spanish fleet in Santiago harbor. Well, he was all to the merry until he began to talk. Then he blew up as high as Gilderoy's kite. And of course you know of Old Doc Cook. He might have got away with that North Pole stuff if he hadn't begun to make windy after-dinner speeches. He soon talked himself into the side-show class."

"Well? What are you driving at?" asked the Gook. "A case to date," replied the Gink. "That is the case of Big Bill Burns, the Dynamite Detective. He did a great and valuable stunt in canning the murderous McNamara. He forthwith began to belabor a lot of windy labor leaders and took the police off a good job."

"Well, Gompers is something on the gab line, too," said the Gook. "I know it," said the Gink. "But he's paid for it."

THE RETIREMENT OF "BUH" Gray from the secretaryship of the New York National League Baseball Club was not such a big surprise as the baseball writers would have it appear. They knew that Billy had been in the storm center of abusive comment hurled at the New York ball club during the excitement attending the ticket sale for the world's championship series. Brush found himself in bad with the public over that particular affair, and those who know his card-index methods were not a bit shocked when he gave Billy the gate. It is the old favorite game of finding the goat.

But I was shocked when Brush picked out a Milwaukee man named O'Brien to succeed Gray. Shocked because I understand there isn't a New Yorker on the New York team, and I said to myself when Gray was bounced, now here's a chance to get a Manhattanese on the job. But there was nothing doing. A Milwaukee Misan got it.

DEFEATING WALTER COFFEY, the much-heralded wonder from San Francisco, the other night Mike Gibbons, the Wallingford Waterweight from St. Paul, showed that he still had a whole bucketful of tricks he hadn't unpacked in his brilliant bout with Gas House Willie Lewis the week before. I watched boxing Commissioner O'Neill's smile of unalloyed pleasure as he followed the clever foot and hand and brain work of Gibbons. The high-domed lad from St. Paul, who, by the way, is of Westport, County Mayo, parentage—would reach in with that awful left jab, which is unlike any jab ever seen before. It has a kick in it, carrying the force of a piston of an ocean liner. It never misses, and as soon as it lands plumb on the back or flush on the mouth back goes the head of the victim until the top of the skull almost touches the spine. Then as the bewildered one straightens out Gibbons is there with a short right stinging hook to the jaw that plays the dickens.

"Great," said the Commissioner as the second round ended. "My word," said "Pompey Bob" Vernon, "but 'es a bloomin' devil among the tailors, wot?" And Bob put up his right to his once heavy mustache which is no longer there. Bob's great face is now as bare of hair as is a Chinese show dog. "Say," he continued, "this 'ere lad is a good 'un. It's a case of the Playboy of the West putting it over on the 'Native Son of the Golden West' wot?" And then the grande Bob beat it for his reinforced cargo-carrying auto.

GIBBONS DROPPED IN ON ME the morning after. "St. sheen," sez I, drawing over a chair. "Thanka, Wurra," sez Mike. "But I can't sit down. That's the only place Coffey hit me."

THE WHIRL OF THE CIRCLING WHEELS will be heard with its annual attendant excitement in the old Garden to-night. To-morrow night will witness the start of the annual six-day nether skelter. Everybody wonders why is a bicycle nowadays. I never see one this side of Danbury, Conn., but the thousands go to the Garden to watch the scramble for fame and dollars every year just the same. Perhaps the crowd really goes to see what a bike looks like.

WURRA, WURRA! Will you please tell me if you approve of Carnegie's selection of twenty of the world's greatest men? I have a bet on it.

Yours for science, MORRIS LOGUE. That's all a matter of opinion, Morris. My selection would include those who were of some real benefit to humanity. I think the man was great who first doped out an Irish stew, a plate of spaghetti or a morsel of goulash. Mr. Carnegie overlooked all three. He even edgewise the discoverer of haggis.

SENATOR KERN of Albany says his idea of a drink of whiskey is 2-4 inches of it in the ordinary glass. That leaves a margin of but one-quarter of an inch for water. Mr. Kern would attempt to get away with that much red hicker in most any of the bars in Gotham he would be felled with a bangstarter. If he did get permission to get away with that amount of the average apples in one drink he would be headed for the psychopathic ward right off.

ARTHUR MIDDLETON, the champion Isaac Walton of the Grand Banks, took a party out of Sheephead last Sunday and every mother's son of 'em got a skate on—his line. Arthur came in with the trim Grace Irene loaded to the guard with fish. As usual the dock was crowded when the Grace Irene came in for Arthur can somehow locate the elusive seafood when the other boats run dry. The Sheepheaders were amazed when they saw Arthur's catch. He had aboard at least a 1,000 pounds of ling and whiting. Judge Tommy Dineen standing knee deep in the mess—and still trying for a bigger score. "Well," said the wise one, "What on earth did Middleton bring in the skates for?"

Some of them weighed forty pounds and were as big around as all outdoors. Arthur only smiled. He turned the skates and ling over to Capt. Pulaski, and Pulaski sent the whole catch to the fish market, where he exchanged it for gold. Now now Arthur has the laugh on all the folk who thought skates were as worthless as dogfish.

WURRA, WURRA! I see that Assistant District Attorney De Ford testified that he dictated to three stenographers at once from 9 in the morning until 4 in the afternoon, making out the complaint or information against Joe Cassidy, et al. Isn't this the record since Napoleon's time?

Not only a record but a disaster. If he had dictated to one stenographer for ten minutes, including the exact language of the statute alleged to have been violated, the court wouldn't have been trying to untangle the mess of charges made to make it square with the proof and the law. He certainly did leave the court in doubt as to what law was violated in the case. And for your guidance, Napoleon held a world's record for legal brevity. He decided the entire question of an act in one word. A. and B. win.

# WAGE-EARNERS PUT HOLIDAY MONEY INTO NEW HOMES

Brokers in Suburbs Report Heavy Buying Movement on Pay-as-Rent Plan.

50,000 GO FROM FLATS.

Increasing Population Fills Place of Those Who Leave Centres of Congestion.

Home buying for the holidays began in large volume this week. Millions of Christmas money will go into small houses, mainly in suburban sections. Some of the money will go toward paying off mortgages on houses that have been occupied by the owners for several years. Much will go into new purchases.

Brokers in all parts of the outlying districts reported to-day that the holiday trade is becoming the heaviest in their recollection. They say that there has been lively hunting for houses this year, rather than for vacant land, and that wage earners everywhere are seeking chances for placing their savings into homes rather than in the banks or in incorporation securities.

New houses are being sought by those who are going far out in the suburbs, but the bulk of current buying involves the older dwellings in the mid-zone of rapid transit. It is chiefly of the pay-as-rent kind, a small amount being paid in cash and the balance on regular instalments.

THOUSANDS BUY HOMES ON SMALL-PAYMENT PLAN. Builders in the metropolitan district have sold more than 3,000 new dwellings to private homebuyers during the year. Few buyers have paid a large percentage of the price in cash. As a rule, the builders have taken back mortgages representing close to the full value of the properties.

More than 4,000 small houses have been built by the owners themselves for their own occupancy. Many of them have been constructed upon loans procured from development companies that sold the sites to the builders. Others have been financed by long-term mortgages which are payable in instalments over a period of ten to twenty years. More than 1,000 were built with funds furnished by the building and loan associations.

Fully 8,000 dwellings built during the year have been rented by the builders or sold to speculative or investment holders. The owners in many instances intend to hold them for private investment and they are not available for homebuyers who want to buy.

All sections of the suburbs have been relieved of their new house output almost as soon as the structures were ready for occupancy. There are few available for buyers except at sharp advances in price. The demand continues as large as that builders are planning big operations for early spring.

EASY MONEY FOR BUYERS OF TWO-FAMILY HOUSES. More than half of the houses built in the suburbs during the year have been of the two-family type. Builders have been able to get better loans on such structures because they have a stronger investment value. The rental from half of the house enables the owner to meet his carrying charges and to pay off a fair percentage of his mortgage while using the other half for his own home, thus saving his rent.

Reports of the building-loan associations this week state that more than 20,000 persons are buying homes in the metropolitan zone by means of their loans. The contracts enable the buyer to pay for his home in twelve years. Many choose the monthly payment plan. The payments are not larger than they paid formerly for rent of flats or houses.

Buying of old houses has been financed to a great extent by the associations and by new long term mortgage contracts devised by the large lending institutions. The popularity of this character, too, have found the readiest market. Home-seekers alone have bought more than 8,000 old dwellings in the metropolitan district during the year. Some have sold their old houses to buy others, but the majority of the buyers have moved from flats or tenements to houses. It is estimated that at least 12,000 families, or nearly 60,000 persons, have moved from flats into private dwellings during the year.

Registrations of school children and voters both verify this estimate. Building statistics in Queens and the small-town suburbs likewise show an immense drift to those sections from old flat-house districts.

FLAT DWELLERS' OLD QUARTERS FILLED BY NEWCOMERS. The movement outward of the flat-dwellers is not accompanied by old dwellings being promptly taken over by new-comers. As the increase of population in the entire metropolitan district for the year has been above 200,000, and many old flat houses have been torn down, the new demands for living quarters have been enough to maintain congestion, and even to increase it.

Home buying in Brooklyn has been more prominent during the year than in any other suburb, because speculative buyers there have undertaken larger operations and their properties have been forced more conspicuously to public attention. Buying of the older Brooklyn houses has been heavy because home-seekers from Manhattan have been educated, as a rule, to look upon Brooklyn as the next centre for the more costly private dwellings.

Much new capital began to flow into the New Jersey section this week as a result of service through the McAdoo tunnel to Newark. Prospects for con-

# DR. KORN READY FOR OPERATION ON CITY WASTE.

CITY BUDGET



He has been elected President of the United Real Estate Owners' Association for their new campaign against extravagant outlays in the municipal budget.

struction of small houses in groups of ten to thirty are plentiful in the Newark suburbs, the Oranges and Intermediate territory.

NEW WESTCHESTER RAILROAD STARTS BUILDING BOOM. Another lively centre for high class dwelling operations is the Westchester section along the New York, Westchester and Boston Railroad, which is to begin train service soon after the first of the year. Far parts of the Bronx to be opened by the new road are leading the movement. The average cost of single dwellings in that territory is far above that in other parts of the suburbs.

The New Rochelle branch of the road will make the time from that place to Brooklyn Bridge in forty-nine minutes, according to the official schedule. The distance is 19.5 miles. The White Plains branch will run from one end to the other in fifty minutes, the distance being 20.5 miles.

The new railroad ends at Willis avenue and One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, where it will connect with the express trains of the Second and Third avenue elevated railroads. At One Hundred and Eighty-eighth street, however, it will connect with the Interborough subway by means of the big new Bronx Park station.

At Westchester avenue, it will cross the Triborough subway, which will run along parallel and close to the Westchester road southward to Harlem River. It is believed that the new Westchester Railroad will obtain practically control of this branch of the Triborough, or of another subway to be built, and that it will have its own direct lines eventually down through Manhattan to the Battery.

WORKING GIRLS SAVE MONEY FOR VACATIONS.

Woman's Welfare Department of Civic Federation Helps Them by Accepting Deposits.

The second annual "vacation evening" of the Woman's Welfare Department of the National Civic Federation will be held Monday evening next at the committee rooms at No. 42 West Thirty-ninth street. The vacation savings fund plan, which was adopted Nov. 16 last, will be explained and members urged to obtain their further recognition. After the business session an entertainment will be given.

The report of Miss Gertrude Robinson Smith, chairman of the committee, shows the results of the work far exceeded expectations. In the summer of 1910, 220 working girls took vacations at country boarding houses that had been investigated by the committee. All the girls reported that their stay had been delightful and their boarding houses had been true homes. Last summer 220 working girls had similar experiences in the places at which they spent their brief two weeks of leisure.

The committee found at first that the girls were chary about staying in the country. Some of them had tried it and found the houses were below representations and that there were many discomforts. The work of the committee extended the possibility of any of these drawbacks.

The success of the movement in getting vacation homes within the workers' means prompted the latest plan of the committee, the vacation savings fund. It is meant to encourage the girls to deposit all their spare cash, week by week, with the committee, to insure possession of sufficient funds when the vacation time comes.

POLICE BOAT STRIKES BODY.

Man Had Been Dead Only Short Time, It Is Thought.

As he was leaving the boat basin at Pier A, North River, to-day, Policeman Steven King of Harbor Squad A, fell his launch strike some submerged obstruction. The boat was stopped and the obstruction looked for. It proved to be the body of a man.

The man had been 5 feet 8 inches tall, had weighed 140 pounds, had brown hair and mustache and was dressed in a black suit, gray overcoat, blue striped shirt, white collar and dark tie. There was nothing in the pockets of the clothing.

The police believe the body had been in the water only two hours. There were no marks of violence upon it. It was sent to the Morgue.

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# DEATH CROSSINGS ON LONG ISLAND GET FINAL BLOW

Public Service Board Orders Grades Abolished at Cost of More Than \$1,000,000.

The Public Service Commission to-day served on the Long Island Railroad Company final orders for the elimination of grade crossings on its system, which will cost \$1,000,000 in round numbers, and possibly more. The order is the result of many months of study by engineers of the Commission and of the city, and the company's engineers.

The amount stated is the sequence of the appropriation by the Legislature this year of \$250,000 for such work in Greater New York, because under the terms of the statute the State and city each pay one-quarter of the cost and the railroad company pays the remaining half. The Long Island Company was will to foot the bill for any excess, if a plan were adopted to which its engineers agreed.

The present order covers five crossings on the main line of the road, which are treated under plans for one comprehensive improvement, and two crossings on the Montauk Division.

Eastward from Long Island City, the first crossing affected is Laurel Hill Boulevard, of which the State, the city and the railroad company are to be benefited. A few weeks ago a train dived off the end of a street car there.

The other grades covered by the order on the Montauk Division, east of Hollis, they are—on the line from Hollis to East—Haythys or Bennett avenue, Hempstead and Jamaica Turnpike, Westland avenue, Creed avenue and Madison avenue. The tracks are to be elevated, an dthe streets are to be depressed.

BOMBS, BULLETS, YELLS AND SHRIEKS STIR CHINATOWN

Two Men Who Started It All Run Into the Arms of Police.

Sergeant Curran, making his rounds through Chinatown this morning, stopped at Pell and Mott streets to exchange pleasantries with Policeman Sullivan.

"When a man rises to the dignity of a sergeant," Curran was saying, "he is entitled to all the respect and—"

Suddenly there was a noise like the shock of matter and the crash of worlds. While the two blue coated guardians of the peace stood transfixed the reports of revolver shots echoed through the narrow streets, followed a series of low bangs.

"The McNamara must be loose," shouted the sergeant, "Run around the corner Jerry and I'll watch here."

Out of the doorway of No. 42 Mott street rushed two dazed men, their knees almost touching their chins in their frantic and inspired efforts to get away. Curran promptly grasped each by the coat collar. With gasping breath they told their tale.

Inspired by thoughts of Chinese gold, the twain had mounted to the third floor of No. 22 Pell street, around the corner, to where the Chinese Society for Old Men, known in the Celestial tongue as the Chue Yee Tung, holds forth. They proceeded to hunker in the door with all the discreet secrecy of bank burglars forcing the doors of the United States Treasury to the blaring of a brass band and fireworks. This is what startled the policemen.

Louis Yung, who lives across the hallway, was awakened from his dreams of becoming a war hero in Canton under the new Chinese republic and sliding back the panel in his door loudly squeaked a warning that floor and sub cellars and Chinatown was a seething hive of excited Orientals.

The two noisemakers rushed to the hallway, where they found the police.

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roof and climbed from one building to another until they reached No. 42 Mott street. Here they started to descend by a rear fire-escape when Fannie Emory, a negroes and caretaker of the building, defied the Sullivan law and blazed away. Despite Fannie's shaking hand the two were not anxious to chance her shooting and entered the building and ran down to the street and into the waiting arms of the sergeant.

Fannie and the two men were taken to the Tombs. Fannie will have to tell why she had a revolver in her possession. The two men were held in \$2,000 bail each for examination Monday.

Louis Gardella, nineteen years old, of No. 21 Mott street, and Joseph Gausma, twenty-two years old of No. 21 Mott street.

Fannie and the two alleged burglars were arraigned before Magistrate Ker-nochan in the Centre Street Court. After hearing the woman's story the Magistrate said:

"While you were violating the law in having that revolver in your room without a permit, you used it with good purpose, and I am going to let you off this time. You are discharged."

Mikado Receives New York Pastor. TOKIO, Dec. 9.—Dr. John Wesley Hill, pastor of the Metropolitan Temple in New York City, who has recently organized a Japanese branch of the International Peace Forum, of which President Taft is honorary president, was received in audience to-day by the Emperor. His Majesty wished success to Dr. Hill's movement. At the same time Miss Jennie B. Bryan, sister of Charles Page Bryan, American Ambassador here, was also received by the Emperor and Empress.

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